

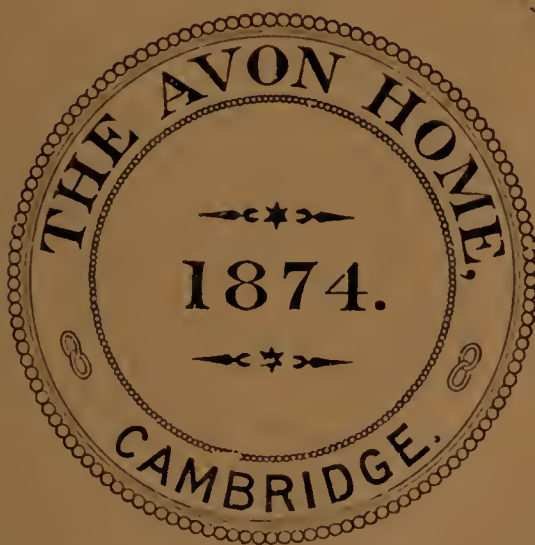
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Assignment of Monthly Visitors, 1909-1910.

Dec. 1. MRS. FOLSOM.	Dec. 15. MISS MCCALLAR.
Jan. 1. MRS. REED.	Jan. 15. MRS. BELL.
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Nov. 1. MRS. BROOKS.	Nov. 15. MRS. REED.

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in each month.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TRUSTEES OF
THE AVON HOME.

The year just ended marks a new departure in the work of The Avon Home, namely the employment of a General Secretary and the extension under her direction of the plan of boarding children in families.

On the first of December Miss Emma Olive Stannard began her work as General Secretary for The Avon Home. At first she was employed only four days a week as an experiment, but the work has grown so rapidly that her entire time will be devoted to it after the first of November. Each application for admission is investigated by Miss Stannard and the result of this inquiry with her recommendation is submitted to the Committee on Admission. If for any reason it seems best not to admit the child, the General Secretary sees that suitable help is secured from some other source; if the Committee on Admission acts favorably on the application, the child either enters the Home directly or is boarded in a family which has been chosen with great care and which is visited from time to time by one of the Trustees in addition to the periodical unannounced visits of the General Secretary. After dismissal of a child from the immediate charge of the Trustees the General Secretary is expected to keep in touch with the child in order to continue the influence of the Home.

It is the expectation of the Trustees gradually to increase the number of children boarded in selected families under constant and careful supervision and to care for fewer

children in the Home itself. This change will be in accordance with the generally approved principle that every child shall, if possible, grow up under the conditions of family life.

There are now thirty-nine children in the Home and fifteen boarding outside. During the year thirty-nine have been admitted to the Home and forty-one discharged therefrom, all of whom, except three who were placed in the care of the Commonwealth, are in charge of their parents or other relatives. The average number of children in the Home has been thirty-seven, the same as last year, but the average length of stay is very much less—one hundred seventy days compared with two hundred forty-seven days—and owing to this shorter average stay the number of different children who have been in the Home this year has been eighty, or twice the number of beds provided. The frequent changes among the children living in the Home have caused a large increase in the cost of clothing, for each child on leaving is supplied with a complete outfit including a change of underclothing.

Forty children have been placed at board during the year and thirty-nine have gone home or are now otherwise provided for. These have been boarded in thirteen different families, living in Cliftondale, Concord, Dover, Mansfield, Maplewood, Roxbury, Sharon, and Stoughton, besides five families in Cambridge. It has already been stated with what discrimination each family is selected and that when a child has been placed, the family is visited at least once a month by the General Secretary and as often as once in two months by one of the Trustees who is the monthly visitor at the Home. Only two boys are now under the supervision of the Children's Aid Society; the other children formerly visited by them have either left the care of the Home or been transferred to the charge of the General Secretary.

Formerly it was very difficult to make sure that suitable aid from other agencies was obtained for a child who for

any reason could not be admitted to the Home, but it is now an important part of the duty of the General Secretary to look after such children. During the year fifty families have been "record cases" of this kind under observation, and much good work has been done for them in their homes. By this innovation, in which the Trustees are deeply interested, provision is insured for every destitute child in Cambridge.

The devoted care of the physicians and specialists deserves our gratitude: we are glad to report that no change has taken place among them and also that the same efficient Matron and Assistant Matron are still at the head of the Home. There has been no serious illness among the children during the year and only a slight epidemic of mumps. The usual May Sale was transferred to the Parish House on Church street on account of this epidemic and yielded more than twelve hundred dollars. The very successful fair of the Avon Club brought in three hundred eighty dollars, which by request of the club is appropriated for the expenses of one girl and two boys who are living away from the Home.

The children had several excursions by electric car during the summer; the Agassiz Council of the Royal Arcanum generously provided a Christmas tree with toys for the children at the Home and in addition a gift of money. By the kindness of Mr. E. A. Grozier all the children who were old enough to go enjoyed a party at Keith's Theater during the holidays.

The Permanent Fund has been increased by a legacy of \$1,028.54 from Frederick K. Stelling, a gift of \$10.00 from Mrs. Davies Wilson, and a gift from his parents of \$500.00 in memory of John H. Sturgis who died 10 September, 1909.

Rev. Robert Walker, who had been a member of the Corporation for nine years, resigned in the autumn because of his removal to Concord; this work for destitute children was only one of the many charitable and educational under-

takings to which he gave freely of his time and thought and by which his active co-operation will be seriously missed. By the death of Mr. Arthur E. Denison, who had been for several years one of the Board of Advisers and lately the attorney for the Home, the Trustees have lost a discreet counselor and a generous friend. Hon. Frederick W. Dallinger has consented to act as Honorary Counsel to the Corporation.

While the Trustees are grateful for the generous contributions of money and supplies which have come during this year, as always in the past, they feel that the need of more annual subscribers and donors is even greater than formerly, for the extensions in the work of the Home are costly in expenditures for board and clothing, though in the opinion of the Trustees they are desirable and in the highest sense economical.

For the Trustees,

WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, *President.*

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
GENERAL SECRETARY.

During the year which closed November 1, 1910, we have received 151 applications, comprising 245 children, 39 of whom have been taken into the Home, and 40 placed at board. Forty of these applications were from women with deserting husbands, 8 from men with deserting wives, 20 from widows, 25 from widowers, 10 were for illegitimate children, and the other 48 had both parents living but often one was in a hospital, or perhaps the child was very delicate and needed a change; many of our cases during the summer were of this nature. We also have many with parents suffering from tuberculosis, whose children often need special care.

Our work is manifold: we investigate carefully each case, trying always to make the wisest plan possible, for the best good of the entire family. Many of the children who never come under the apparent care of the Avon Home, give us much more trouble and anxiety than those who do, for no family who has once applied to us is ever entirely lost sight of. We try to make them realize that we are their friends in every sense of the word, even though their way does not always seem to us the best, and our help must be, in making them accept our way. I was greatly encouraged one day when a woman with whom we had labored many weeks met me at her door in a clean dress and with a smiling face, and said, "Well, I guess I have been a long while

coming to see your way, but I do now, and my husband and I agree we will help you out by trying it."

When children who have been in our care return to their homes, we follow them with the most watchful after-care and supervision, trying in every way to keep the family so united that there will never be need of another separation. Many of our former children come to our office on Saturdays to ask our help and advice in various ways.

Our country boarding places are of the greatest help, both for the delicate children who improve wonderfully when they can sleep out of doors and have the real milk from the real cow, and for the troublesome boys and girls, who forget to be restless or bad when they have so much breathing space and so many animals to keep their minds and bodies busy. The first investigation for our boarding homes is very carefully made, regard being paid to every detail of the home life, the character and disposition of each member of the family, their standing in the community, the location of their home, for health and surroundings. All is as carefully considered as if we were placing one of our own family, as indeed we are, for each child is looked upon as ours. After the boarding place is approved, and has come to be used by us, it is constantly visited and supervised, not only by the General Secretary, but also by the Trustees, each one of whom plans to take that duty, as regularly as the duty of visiting at the Home. One of our boys who had been very troublesome in many ways, is on a farm, where he has his regular duties, and also goes to school. I was much pleased when I took a relative of his to visit him the other day, with the great pleasure and surprise she expressed at the remarkable change in him.

Our cases come to us from many sources: parents and friends, ministers and doctors, the courts, and many societies. We have the warmest co-operation with all societies, both in and out of Cambridge; the Associated Charities visitors, the school and the tuberculosis nurses

are all of the greatest help in learning about, and in assisting us to keep in touch with, our families. When an illegitimate child comes to us we always plan to keep the mother and child together either at service, or in their own home; in the ten cases of this kind we have had this year, we have been able to do this in all but four; in these we have induced relatives to take the baby, and in two cases the mother is paying its board. We try to make all of our work effective, not only for the help of the child, but for the upbuilding of the entire family, each member of which is our friend, and of the greatest interest to us; but we try to keep constantly in mind the words, which seem to us to contain the true secret of real lasting help, "The best help is not to bear the troubles of others for them, but to inspire them with courage and energy to bear their burdens for themselves, and to meet the difficulties of life bravely."

E. O. STANNARD, *General Secretary.*

PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Trust Fund	\$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	10,000.00
Holly Tree	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa H. Rindge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund	500.00
Mary E. Piper Fund	500.00
Donation from a friend	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily A. Burleigh	500.00
Donation from Francis C. Foster	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow	500.00
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett	5,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet A. Hayes	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt	250.00
Legacy of James Mellen	1,000.00
John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Harriet N. S. Fay	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Hannah E. Moore	100.00
Legacy of Charles W. Oxford	500.00
Legacy of Miss Susie M. Ransom	18,020.00
Donation from Mrs. Lucy C. Bemis	250.00
Philip Rogers Bennett Memorial Fund	500.00
Frances Mary Mackay Fund	15,000.00
Legacy of Oliver H. Durrell	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Lydia M. Palmer	2,000.00
"In Memory of Mother and Girard"	100.00
Legacy of Mrs. Julia A. Harding	20,000.00
Legacy of Epes Sargent Dixwell	5,000.00
Legacy of Isaac W. Danforth	5,000.00
Sale of farm at Concord, the gift of James Huntington	7,125.00
Legacy of Mrs. Fanny B. Lane	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary Longfellow Greenleaf	4,000.00

Legacy of Mrs. Lucia M. Goodnow	\$500.00
Lucy E. Paine Fund	10,000.00
Henrietta Parker Whitney Davis Fund	2,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary Grant Fisk	2,500.00
In Memory of Mrs. Caroline P. Bulfinch	50.00
Legacy of Miss Jane Chapman	200.00
Legacy of A. R. Dearborn	658.00
Legacy of James A. Woolson	3,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Helen Augusta Porter	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Ellen C. Goodwin	100.00
Donation from Morrill Wyman	1,200.00
Legacy of Alvin Hayes	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emmeline J. Smith	2,500.00
Legacy of Edward Gerrish	8,000.00
Legacy of Jacob Remick	16,538.08
Legacy of Andrew S. Waitt, in Memory of his wife, Mary E. (Belcher) Waitt	416.24
"In Memoriam, John H. Sturgis, Nov. 27, 1900-Sept. 10, 1909"	500.00
Legacy of Frederick K. Stelling	1,028.54
Donation from Mrs. Davies Wilson	10.00
	<u>\$174,103.00</u>

Emergency Fund	\$500.00
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Mrs. C. W. Eliot 5.00	D. W. Ross 20.00
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Mrs. J. L. Hildreth 2.00	Mrs. J. A. Swan 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hildreth . 25.00	Miss C. A. Taggard 5.00

Mrs. J. B. Thayer	\$3.00	C. J. White\$20.00
Mrs. J. G. Thorp for 1909-10	20.00	Mrs. W. P. Wiggin	5.00
Mrs. H. N. Tilton	1.00	Mrs. Davies Wilson	1.00
Mrs. R. N. Toppan	5.00	Miss Mary Woodman	25.00
Benjamin Vaughan	30.00	Walter Woodman	5.00
Mrs. J. B. Warner	5.00	Mrs. Walter Woodman	5.00
Mrs. J. A. Wellington	5.00	Mrs. T. F. Wright	10.00

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Miss M. J. Bacon	\$5.00	The Misses Peabody\$50.00
Mrs. J. B. Bouton	1.00	W. T. Piper	3.00
C. T. Carruth	50.00	Mrs. Edward Read	1.00
The Misses Clark	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sturgis	10.00
Mrs. G. W. Colburn	25.00	Miss Tilton	2.00
T. B. Gannett	50.00	Mrs. Benjamin Vaughan	2.00
Mrs. W. M. Griswold	2.00	Mrs. Davies Wilson	4.00
Miss Katherine Horsford	10.00	Morrill Wyman	10.00
Miss Maria Murdock	5.00		

Donations of money can be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss MARY A. ELLIS, 8 Roseland Street, Cambridge.

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of _____ Dollars to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
NOVEMBER 1, 1910.

Donations of outer garments and clothing, especially for boys, are earnestly solicited. If donors to the Home would send with their gifts their full name and address, it would greatly assist the clerk in making out the list of donations. It sometimes happens that difficulty in getting the name causes errors and omissions in the list.

November, 1909.

Mrs. C. B. Swift, one dress, one hat, two waists.
Sewing Club, Limited, two outing flannel nightgowns.
Mr. Morrill Wyman, three boxes apples and pears.
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Howe, two barrels apples.
Miss S. E. Smith, three sweaters, box of apples.
Mrs. G. E. Howe, two pairs side elastics, one stocking cap, four undervests, two pairs drawers, one pair stockings.
Mrs. E. G. Moody, one coat, one pair trousers.
Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, two turkeys, celery, nuts, candy.
The Children of The Corlett Kindergarten, vegetables, candy, celery, fruits, four quarts preserved plums.
The Corlett Mothers' Club, cake.
Mrs. W. B. Durant, one-half box oranges.
Mrs. W. M. Davis, turkey.
Mrs. C. F. Goodridge, three boxes candy.
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Howe, a large cake, bread.
St. John's Memorial Church, turkey, fruit, vegetables, candy.
Mrs. W. H. Hill, four cotton dresses, flannel skirt.
Miss C. A. Taggard, four flannel skirts, bean bag.
Mrs. R. D. Gardner, two dresses, two rompers, one skirt and two cotton dresses.

Miss Julia Burleigh, box of clothing.
Mrs. E. Channing, one bathrobe, three undervests, one coat, one hat, two flannel skirts.
Mr. Morrill Wyman, a kindergarten dissected map of the United States.
Mrs. R. N. Toppan, barrel apples.
Just So Club, three aprons, one cotton dress, one nightgown.
Mrs. E. Hamel, barrel clothing and toys.
The Basket Club, three outing flannel wrappers, two outing flannel sacks, three outing flannel skirts.
Boston Branch of the Needlework Guild, three towels, seven skirts, two nightgowns, four cotton dresses, three pairs mittens, four pillow slips, two pairs drawers, two waists, four undervests, two pairs hose, four bed socks.
Mary and Beatrice Adams, two skirts.

December.

Mrs. N. Folsom, twelve dolls, four pairs scissors, two purses.
Master Parker Ellis, box of toys.
The Agassiz Council of the Royal Arcanum, Christmas tree and toys.
Mrs. H. A. Saunders, wire bed spring.
Mrs. E. W. Smith, ten pairs mittens, two dozen handkerchiefs, thirty Christmas cards.
J. H. Wyeth Co., box of oranges.
Prof. and Mrs. W. M. Davis, one-half box of oranges.
Mr. W. T. Piper, \$5.00 for Christmas toys.
Two Little Boys, scrap book.

The Junior League of Harvard M. E. Church, five scrap books.
 Conant & Stockwell, three turkeys.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bright, three boxes of candy.
 Mrs. C. F. Goodridge, candy and toys.
 Mrs. N. Folsom, potted plant, door bell.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Howe, Christmas cake and bread.
 Margaret Shepard Guild, three dozen bags of candy.
 Miss Maria Murdock, a new nickel for each child.
 Mrs. F. Jouett, one coat, two worsted suits, one sweater, two pairs hose, one pair overalls, six undershirts, seven pairs underdrawers, one wrapper, two pairs shoes, one pair sandals, five cotton suits.
 Manager *Boston Post*, invitations to ten of the older children to a theater party at Keith's Theater and a gift to each child.

January, 1910.

The Club, one apron, one blouse, five outing flannel skirts.
 The Hive, eleven blouses, five aprons, five cotton dresses, one cotton night-gown.
 Miss M. H. Deane, two cotton skirts, a dressing sack, neckties, afghan, box of pieces.
 Immanuel Baptist Church, sixteen dolls, toys, books.

February.

Mrs. E. B. Koehler, fur neck piece, lead pencils, box of candy, box of pens.
 The Club, six pairs drawers, one blouse, one apron.
 Mr. E. A. Jones, Blue Book of Cambridge.
 Mrs. N. Folsom, chest containing kitchen ware, a pair of small blankets.

Master Parker Soule, box of valentines.
 Church Periodical Club, Christ's Church, twenty-two valentines.
 In His Name Circle, two white spreads.
 Miss C. A. Taggard, three cotton dresses.
 The New Church Ladies' Aid Society, twenty-four waists.
 Miss K. L. Paine, eleven pairs garters, ten pairs drawers, six waists.

March.

Just So Club, three aprons.
 The Club, four aprons, two blouses.
 Mrs. H. Hardy, flowers.
 Mrs. A. D. S. Bell, two pairs shoes, two pairs leggings, two cotton suits, one sweater, one pair mittens.
 Mrs. G. E. Close, one pair rubbers, ten cotton dresses, ten rompers, one pair pajamas.
 Mrs. A. F. Sortwell, flowers.
 Miss Farley, box of cookies.
 Mrs. E. R. Williams, four hats, one pair shoes, five neck pins, three cotton dresses, one pair leggings, three coats, four cotton suits, two pairs rubbers, four pairs slippers, three cotton blouses.
 Mrs. F. W. Odiorne, *Saturday Evening Posts*.
 Mrs. G. E. Howe, linen dress, white petticoat.
 The Club, four gingham aprons, two pairs night drawers, one wrapper, one blouse.
 Kellogg Corn Flake Co., sample packages corn flakes.

April.

The Basket Club, one wrapper, one wrapper for baby, one skirt, one jacket for baby.
 The Hive, twenty-four cotton dresses, six aprons, one pair drawers, fourteen blouses.

Miss L. Freeman, three cotton waists, one cotton dress, one woolen dress.

Miss Parsons, one sack, two nightgowns, one petticoat.

Sewing Club, Limited, thirty-five nightgowns, thirty-three aprons, one petticoat.

Mrs. A. H. Bill, five cotton dresses, six rompers, eight pairs hose, one woolen dress.

Mrs. S. M. Raymond, one skirt, one white apron, two bags.

May.

Mr. Morrill Wyman, rhubarb.

No Name Sewing Club, sixteen outting-flannel blouses.

Miss Kelly, magazines, dumb bells.

Mrs. N. Folsom, two rompers, one pair overshoes, one blanket, one woolen dress.

Mrs. G. H. Holmes, four cotton suits, two pajamas.

Pilgrim Church, six cotton nightgowns, six rompers.

Mrs. M. P. White, four loaves of cake.

Daughters of Veterans, Tent 30, American flag.

Mary and Beatrice Adams, two aprons.

Newtowne Club, magazines.

June.

Miss M. H. Ellis, two viyella blouses.

Miss Christine Farley, one hat.

A Friend, ten pairs cotton drawers.

Mrs. A. D. S. Bell, two shirts, five infant's bands, one nightgown, one waist, one sack, two bonnets, two pairs hose, one pair shoes.

Mrs. Stoughton Bell, two sacks and a hood for infant, a hood for doll.

Mrs. C. H. Chandler, dolls' clothes, book, and playthings.

Mrs. C. R. Lamb, four pairs gingham drawers, two blouses, three gingham aprons.

Mrs. E. F. Henderson, two high chairs, one bed and mattress.

North Avenue Baptist Church, one gallon ice cream.

Miss M. A. Green, nine cotton dresses, two rompers, three aprons, \$5.00 for outings for the children.

No Name Club, nine blouses, two nightgowns, one apron.

July.

Cambridge I. O. O. F. Field Day Committee, large box of candy.

Miss M. R. Norcross, ten bound volumes of St. Nicholas.

The Hive, four blouses, two dresses, five aprons.

Mrs. George Sheffield, eleven glasses of jelly.

August.

No Name Club, four blouses.

Mr. J. H. Sturgis, magazines.

Page's Box Co., load of kindling wood.

September.

Mr. Morrill Wyman, pears, six squashes, apples.

Mrs. A. D. S. Bell, three cotton suits, two pairs underdrawers, two bibs, two slates, one white dress, one flannel shirt, one belt.

Mrs. A. F. Weir, apples.

Miss H. Coolidge, one pair sneakers.

Miss M. H. Deane, a box of clothing, books.

Misses R. and H. Coolidge, flowers.

Mrs. M. G. Howe, pears.

Conant & Stockwell, peaches.

Mrs. C. W. Soloman, children's books.

Mrs. W. J. Mandell, apples.

October.

Miss C. A. Taggard, three petticoats.

Mrs. A. M. Howe, apples.

Mrs. C. L. Stebbins, six Andrew Lang Fairy Books.

In March, the Sewing Guild of the Cantabrigia Club held an all-day meeting at the Home and sewed garments for the children.

In October the Threadneedle Club held one of its meetings there and worked on napkins and towels.

BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME.

ARTICLE I.

Name. — The name of this Corporation shall be "THE AVON HOME." Its object shall be to benefit Children found destitute within the limits of the city of Cambridge, as existing in 1874.

ARTICLE II.

Membership. — The members of this Corporation shall be twenty-three in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

ARTICLE III.

Officers. — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, a Committee of Three for the care of the Permanent Fund (one of whom shall be the President), and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall

report at the annual meeting. The accounts of the Treasurer and of the Committee for the care of the Permanent Fund shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

ARTICLE IV.

Meetings. — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held on the second Friday in November, at such place and hour as the President and Clerk may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Seal. — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "THE AVON HOME, CAMBRIDGE, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

ARTICLE VI.

Amendments. — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

RULES OF THE AVON HOME.

I. In admitting destitute children to the care of the Home, preference shall be given in the following order : *First*, to orphans and foundlings ; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption or during minority ; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to live in the Home ; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home. Children of greater age may be admitted to the care of the Home, to be placed in private families, as stated in Rule II.

Any child admitted to the care of the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only ; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may readmit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the care of the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. Each child shall be admitted to the care of the Home for three months on probation ; this period may be extended three months longer at the discretion of the Committee on Admission. Each case, accompanied by a full statement of the circumstances, shall be reported to the Corporation at its next regular meeting, and at the end of the period of probation the Corporation shall decide whether or not to admit the child for a definite time.

Children admitted to the care of the Home shall live in the Home or in private families, as determined by the Committee on Admis-

sion with the consent of the Trustees. The children in the Home shall be under the supervision of the Matron; those in private families under the supervision of the General Secretary.

III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No child in the care of the Home shall be allowed to visit friends or relatives for a longer period than a day, or over night, unless under distinctly favorable conditions, approved by one member of the Committee on Admission and the Matron (for children in the Home), or the General Secretary (for children in private families), and reported in writing to the Trustees at their next meeting.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday School, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on the first Sunday and third Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron shall have full authority in the Home, subject only to these rules and the votes of the Corporation and of the Executive Committee. She shall attend the meetings of the Committees on Adoption and Discharge, on Provisions and House Supplies, and on Clothing.

The Matron shall keep a journal of daily happenings and from it make a short written report for the regular meeting of the Corporation, mentioning such exceptional matters as should be made known to the Corporation.

The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time, unless by special consent of the Monthly Visitor.

Information regarding children who are or have been in the care of The Avon Home, or regarding their relatives or friends, shall not be given by the Matron or employees in the Home to any one except a Trustee, and any request for such information shall be referred to one of the officers of the Corporation.

IX. The General Secretary shall investigate thoroughly, in co-operation with the Committee on Admission, all applications for the admission of children to the care of the Home, and make prompt report thereon to the chairman, or in her absence to some other member, of the committee.

She shall also maintain relations with parents while their children are in the care of the Home, with the object of aiding to remove the unsatisfactory conditions that led to the admission of the children ; and continue in relation with children and their parents or other relatives after the withdrawal of the children from the care of the Home, with a view to preserving the good influences which it is hoped the Home will have exerted on those under its care.

It shall further be the duty of the General Secretary to investigate families where children may be boarded, and to visit children who are placed in private families ; to continue in relation with rejected applicants, with the object of aiding them to improve the conditions which led to application ; to be present at the Home on the first Sunday and usually on the third Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P.M., in order to aid the Matron in meeting parents and other visitors ; to meet, when requested, with the Committee on Admission and with the Committee on Adoption and Discharge ; and to make a report in writing at each monthly meeting of the Trustees.

X. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents ; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the

changes that have occurred since the last meeting, and making any suggestions and criticisms regarding the management of the Home that should be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

XI. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows : —

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names, ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child admitted to the care of the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the care of the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

6. An Executive Committee, who shall have, in the interval between the meetings of the Corporation, all the powers of the Trustees, except as to the expenditure of sums exceeding fifty dollars. This Committee shall report any exercise of its powers at the next meeting of the Corporation for its approval.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual

meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.

XII. All bills shall receive the written approval of the committee or person authorized to make the expenditure before payment by the Treasurer.

XIII. The Committee of Three for the care of the Permanent Fund shall have the care and custody of all securities and other investments held for the support and maintenance of the Avon Home, and shall collect the interest and other income and pay the same to the Treasurer, who shall receipt therefor. They shall make all permanent investments, keep an account thereof and of the income therefrom, and report to the Corporation at the annual meeting, and such other times as the Corporation may request. They shall rent a box in the vaults of the Cambridge Trust Company, which shall be opened only in the presence of two members of the said Committee.

